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SUBJECT: Extension of the Special Interoperability Test Certification of the Cisco Catalyst 4500E Series with Supervisor Engine 6-E (Sup6-E) Switch Release Update from IOS Release 15.1(1)SG to 15.1(1)SG1

- References:**
- (a) Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 4630.05, "Interoperability and Supportability of Information Technology (IT) and National Security Systems (NSS)," 5 May 2004.
 - (b) Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction (CJCSI) 6212.01E, "Interoperability and Supportability of Information Technology and National Security Systems," 15 December 2008.
 - (c) through (e), see Enclosure 1.

1. References (a) and (b) establish the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), Joint Interoperability Test Command (JITC), as the responsible organization for interoperability (IO) test certification.

2. The Cisco WS-C4510R+E with Sup6-E Switch Release IOS 15.1(1)SG is hereinafter referred to as the System Under Test (SUT). The SUT meets all of its critical IO requirements and is certified for joint use within the Defense Information System Network (DISN) as an Assured Services Local Area Network (ASLAN) Core, Distribution, and Layer 2/Layer 3 Access switch. The SUT is certified as interoperable for joint use with other ASLAN components listed on the Unified Capabilities (UC) Approved Products List (APL) with the following interfaces: 10/100/1000BaseT and 100/1000BaseX for access, 1000BaseT and 1000/10000BaseX for uplink. All of these interfaces were tested with the exception of the 10BaseT interface. JITC analysis determined that the 10BaseT interface is a low risk for certification based on the vendor's Letter of Compliance (LoC) to comply with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 802.3i standard and the testing data collected at all other data rates. The SUT meets the critical IO requirements set forth in Reference (c), using test procedures derived from Reference (d). The Cisco WS-C4503-E, WS-C4506-E, WS-C4507R-E, WS-C4510R-E, and WS-C4507R+E switches with Sup6-E employ the same software and similar hardware as the SUT. JITC analysis determined these systems to be functionally identical to the SUT for IO certification purposes, and they are also certified for joint use.

The SUT is certified to support Assured Services within an ASLAN. If a component meets the minimum requirements for deployment in an ASLAN, it also meets the lesser requirements for deployment in a non-ASLAN. Non-ASLANs are "commercial grade" and provide support to Command and Control (C2) (ROUTINE only calls) (C2(R)) or non-C2 voice subscribers. When deployed in a non-ASLAN, the SUT may also be used to receive all levels of precedence, but is limited to supporting calls that are originated at ROUTINE precedence only. Non-ASLANs do

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not meet the availability or redundancy requirements for C2 or Special C2 users and therefore are not authorized to support precedence calls originated above ROUTINE.

Testing of the SUT did not include video services or data applications; however, simulated video traffic, preferred data, and best effort data were generated during testing to determine the SUT's ability to prioritize and properly queue voice media and signaling traffic. No other configurations, features, or functions, except those cited within this document, are certified by JITC. This certification expires upon changes that affect IO but no later than three years from the date of the UC APL memorandum.

3. The extension of this certification is based upon Desktop Review (DTR) 1. The original certification is based on IO testing conducted by the United States Army Information Systems Engineering Command, Technology Integration Center (USAISEC TIC), review of the vendor's LoC, DISA adjudication of open test discrepancy reports (TDRs), and the DISA Certifying Authority (CA) Recommendation. The IO testing was conducted by the USAISEC TIC, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, from 7 May through 15 June 2012. Review of the vendor's LoC was completed on 17 July 2012. The DISA adjudication of outstanding TDRs was completed on 7 August 2012. The DISA CA provided a positive recommendation on 27 August 2012, based on the security testing completed by USAISEC TIC-led Information Assurance (IA) test teams. Those test results are published in a separate report, Reference (e). This DTR was requested to update Cisco IOS Release 15.1(1)SG to 15.1(1)SG1. JITC determined there was minor risk in approving this DTR without interoperability testing because the IOS updates information assurance and interoperability fixes noted in the commercial deployment of the SUT; which do not impact on the certified features and capabilities and therefore does not change the interoperability results. DTR 1 has no impact on the approved IA posture, so the original CA approval date still applies. Therefore, JITC approves this DTR.

4. Table 1 provides a UC APL product summary. Table 2 provides the SUT interface IO status and Table 3 provides the Capability Requirements (CRs) and Functional Requirements (FRs) status. The threshold CRs/FRs for ASLAN components are established by Section 5.3.a of Reference (c) and were used to evaluate the IO of the SUT. Enclosure 3 provides a detailed list of the interface, capability, and functional requirements.

Table 1. UC APL Product Summary

Component ¹	Release	Sub-Component ¹	Certification Applicability		
			Core	Distribution	Access
<u>WS-C4510R+E</u> WS-C4503-E WS-C4506-E WS-C4507R-E WS-C4510R-E WS-C4507R+E	IOS 15.1(1)SG1	<u>WS-X45-Sup6-E, WS-X4606-X2-E², WS-X4648-RJ45V+E, WS-X4548-RJ45V+, WS-X4648-RJ45-E, WS-X4548-GB-RJ45V, WS-X4548-GB-RJ45 WS-X4624-SFP-E⁴, WS-X4612-SFP-E⁴, WS-X4248-FE-SFP⁴, WS-X4148-FX-MT⁴, WS-X4448-GB-SFP^{3,4}</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Table 1. UC APL Product Summary (continued)

NOTES:	
1. Components bolded and underlined were tested by the USAISEC TIC. The other components in the family series were not tested; however, they utilize the same OS software and similar hardware. JITC analysis determined them to be functionally identical for IO certification purposes and they are also certified for joint use.	
2. . The SUT complies with the Non-blocking requirement in the Performance Parameters IAW UCR 2008, Change 3, Section 5.3.1.3, Paragraph 1 and the QoS blocking factor features IAW UCR 2008, Change 3, Section 5.3.1.3.6, Paragraph 5b as an Access switch in all modes of operation. The SUT operated in the required 50-percent non-blocking mode on all interfaces for Core and Distribution layers with the following exception for module WS-X4606-X2-E. This module only complies with the requirements for Core and Distribution when ports #3 and #6 are disabled, as described in the vendor's deployment guide. This limits the module to using 4 of the available 6 10Gbps interface.	
3. The SUT does not comply with the Core and Distribution 2:1 Non-blocking requirement in the Performance Parameters IAW UCR 2008, Change 3, Section 5.3.1.3, Paragraph 1 and the QoS blocking factor features IAW UCR 2008, Change 3, Section 5.3.1.3.6, Paragraph 5b with the WS-X4448-GB-SFP module. This module meets the Access requirement of 8:1 Non-blocking. DISA adjudicated this discrepancy as critical and this module is not certified for use in the Core and Distribution layers. This module is approved for use in the Access layer only.	
4. These modules are certified based upon test data collected during previous ASLAN certification test events, no changes to modules or hardware and no changes to the requirements since module s were last tested and certified.	
LEGEND:	
APL	Approved Products List
ASLAN	Assured Services Local Area Network
DISA	Defense Information Systems Agency
Gbps	Gigabits Per Second
IAW	In Accordance With
IO	Interoperability
IOS	Internetworking Operating System
JITC	Joint Interoperability Test Command
OS	Operating System
QoS	Quality of Service
SUT	System Under Test
TIC	Technology Integration Center
UC	Unified Capabilities
UCR	Unified Capabilities Requirements
USAISEC	U.S. Army Information Systems Engineering Command

Table 2. SUT Interface Interoperability Status

Interface	Applicability			UCR 2008, Change 3 Reference	Threshold CR/FR ¹	Status	Remarks
	Co	D	A				
Serial	C	C	C	5.3.1.3.9	1-4	Certified	The SUT met the CRs and FRs with the following standard: EIA-232.
10Base-X	C	C	C ²	5.3.1.3.1	1-6	Certified ³	The SUT met CRs and FRs with the following IEEE standard: 802.3i (10BaseT).
100Base-X	R	R	C ²	5.3.1.3.1	1-6	Certified	The SUT met CRs and FRs with the following IEEE standard: 802.3u (100BaseT).
1000Base-X	R	R	C ²	5.3.1.3.1	1-6	Certified	The SUT met CR and FRs with the following IEEE standards: 802.3ab (1000BaseT), 802.3z (1000Base-SX, 1000Base-LX).
10000Base-X	C	C	C	5.3.1.3.1	1-6	Certified	The SUT met CRs and FRs with the following IEEE standard: 802.3ae (10GBase-SR, 10GBase-LR).
802.11a	C	C	C	5.3.1.3.1/5.3.1.7.2	1-6	Not Supported ⁴	N/A
802.11b	C	C	C	5.3.1.3.1/5.3.1.7.2	1-6	Not Supported ⁴	N/A
802.11g	C	C	C	5.3.1.3.1/5.3.1.7.2	1-6	Not Supported ⁴	N/A
802.11n	C	C	C	5.3.1.3.1/5.3.1.7.2	1-6	Not Supported ⁴	N/A
802.16	C	C	C	5.3.1.3.1/5.3.1.7.2	1-6	Not Supported ⁴	N/A

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Table 2. SUT Interface Interoperability Status (continued)

NOTES:			
1. The SUT high-level CR and FR ID numbers depicted in the Threshold CRs/FRs column can be cross-referenced in Table 3. These high-level CR/FR requirements refer to a detailed list of requirements provided in Enclosure 3.			
2. Core and Distribution products must minimally support 100Base-X (802.3u) and 1000Base-X (802.3z). Access products must minimally support one of the following standards: 802.3i (10BaseT), 802.3j (10BaseF), 802.3u (100BaseT/F), 802.3z (1000BaseF), or 802.3ab (1000BaseT). Other rates and standards may be provided as conditional interfaces.			
3. The USAISEC TIC tested all these interfaces with the exception of the 10BaseT interface. JITC analysis determined that the 10BaseT interface is a low risk for certification based on the vendor's LoC to the IEEE 802.3i and the testing data collected at all other data rates.			
4. The SUT does not support this interface. This interface is not required for a Core, Distribution, or Access switch.			
LEGEND:			
802.3ab	1000BaseT Gbps Ethernet Over Twisted Pair at 1Gbps (125 Mbps)	C	Conditional
802.3ae	10 Gbps Ethernet	Co	Core
802.3i	10BaseT Mbps Over Twisted Pair	CR	Capability Requirement
802.3j	10 Mbps Over Fiber	D	Distribution
802.3u	Standard for Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection at 100 Mbps	EIA	Electronic Industries Alliance
802.3z	Gigabit Ethernet Standard	EIA-232	Standard for Defining the Mechanical and Electrical Characteristics for Connecting Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) and Data Circuit-Terminating Equipment (DCE)
802.11/16	IEEE Wireless Standards		Data Communications Devices
10BaseF	10 Mbps Ethernet Over Fiber	FR	Functional Requirement
10BaseT	10 Mbps (Baseband Operation, Twisted Pair) Ethernet	Gbps	Gigabits Per Second
10Base-X	10 Mbps Ethernet Over Fiber or Copper	ID	Identification
100BaseF	100 Mbps Ethernet Over Fiber	IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
100BaseT	100 Mbps (Baseband Operation, Twisted Pair) Ethernet	JITC	Joint Interoperability Test Command
100Base-X	100 Mbps Ethernet Over Fiber or Copper	LoC	Letter of Compliance
1000BaseF	1000 Mbps Ethernet Over Fiber	LR	Long Range Optics
1000Base-LX	1000 Mbps Ethernet Over Fiber	LX	Single-Mode Fiber Optics
1000Base-SX	1000 Mbps Ethernet Over Fiber	Mbps	Megabits Per Second
1000BaseT	1000 Mbps (Baseband Operation, Twisted Pair) Ethernet	N/A	Not Applicable
1000Base-X	1000 Mbps Ethernet Over Fiber or Copper	R	Required
10000Base-X	10000 Mbps Ethernet Over Fiber or Copper	SR	Short Range Optics
10GBase-LR	10000 Mbps Ethernet Over Fiber	SX	Multi-Mode Fiber Optics
10GBase-SR	10000 Mbps Ethernet Over Fiber	SUT	System Under Test
A	Access	TIC	Technology Integration Center
		UCR	Unified Capabilities Requirements
		USAISEC	U.S. Army Information Systems Engineering Command

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Table 3. SUT CRs and FRs Status

CR/FR ID	Capability/Function	Applicability ¹	UCR 2008, Change 3 Reference	Status	Remarks
1	General Performance Parameters				
	Performance Parameters	Required	5.3.1.3	Partially Met ²	
	Port Interface Rates	Required	5.3.1.3.1	Met	
	Port Parameter Requirements	Required	5.3.1.3.2	Met	
	Class of Service Markings	Required	5.3.1.3.3	Met	
	VLAN Capabilities	Required	5.3.1.3.4	Met	
	Protocols	Required	5.3.1.3.5	Partially Met ³	
	QoS Features	Required	5.3.1.3.6	Partially Met ²	
	Network Monitoring	Required	5.3.1.3.7	Met	
	Security	Required	5.3.1.3.8	Met	
2	E2E Performance Requirements				
	Voice Services	Required	5.3.1.4.1	Met ⁴	
	Video Services	Required	5.3.1.4.2	Met ⁴	
	Data Services	Required	5.3.1.4.3	Met ⁴	
3	NM Requirements				
	Configuration Control	Required	5.3.1.6.1	Met	
	Operational Changes	Required	5.3.1.6.2	Met	
	Performance Monitoring	Required	5.3.1.6.3	Met	
	Alarms	Required	5.3.1.6.4	Met	
	Reporting	Required	5.3.1.6.5	Met	
4	Engineering Requirements				
	Physical Media	Required	5.3.1.7.1	Met ⁵	
	Wireless	Conditional	5.3.1.7.2	Not Tested ⁶	
	Traffic Engineering	Required	5.3.1.7.3	Met ⁵	
	Availability	Required	5.3.1.7.6	Met ⁵	
	Redundancy	Required	5.3.1.7.7	Met ⁵	
5	MPLS				
	MPLS Requirements	Conditional	5.3.1.8.4.1	Not Tested ⁶	
	MPLS VPN Augmentation to VLANs	Conditional	5.3.1.8.4.2	Not Tested ⁶	
6	IPv6 Requirements				
	Product Requirements	Required	5.3.5.4	Partially Met ³	

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Table 3. SUT CRs and FRs Status (continued)

NOTES:

1. The annotation of 'required' refers to a high-level requirement category. The applicability of each sub-requirement is provided in Enclosure 3. The SUT does not need to provide conditional requirements. However, if a capability is provided, it must function according to the specified requirements.
2. The SUT complies with the Non-blocking requirement in the Performance Parameters IAW UCR 2008, Change 3, Section 5.3.1.3, Paragraph 1 and the QoS blocking factor features IAW UCR 2008, Change 3, Section 5.3.1.3.6, Paragraph 5b as an Access switch in all modes of operation listed in Table 1. The SUT operated in the required 50-percent non-blocking mode on all interfaces for Core and Distribution layers with the following exceptions:
 - a. Module WS-X4606-X2-E only complies with these requirements for Core and Distribution when ports #3 and #6 are disabled, as described in the vendor's deployment guide. This limited the module to using 4 of the available 6 10Gbps interface..
 - b. Module WS-X4448-GB-SFP does not comply with the Core and Distribution 2:1 Non-blocking requirement in the Performance Parameters IAW UCR 2008, Change 3, Section 5.3.1.3, Paragraph 1 and the QoS blocking factor features IAW UCR 2008, Change 3, Section 5.3.1.3.6, Paragraph 5b. This module meets the Access requirement of 8:1 Non-blocking. DISA adjudicated this discrepancy as critical and this module is not certified for use in the Core and Distribution layers. This module is approved for use in the Access layer only.
3. The SUT does not comply with the IPv6 Protocol RFC 5798. DISA has adjudicated this discrepancy as having a minor operation impact and approved the vendor's POA&M.
4. This requirement was verified and met using simulated voice, video, and data traffic in an operational emulated environment to meet E2E requirements. The SUT must be deployed IAW deployment guide and engineering guidelines in UCR 2008, Change 3, Section 5.3.1.4.
5. This requirement was met with the following stipulations: It is the site's responsibility to configure the SUT in a manner which meets the engineering requirements listed in Section 11.2 d. of Enclosure 2, and that it does not create a single point of failure which could impact more than 96 C2 users.
6. Wireless and MPLS were not tested and are not certified for joint use. Wireless and MPLS are conditional and; therefore, not required for a Core, Distribution, or Access switch.

LEGEND:

C2	Command and Control	MPLS	Multiprotocol Label Switching
CR	Capability Requirement	NM	Network Management
DISA	Defense Information Systems Agency	POA&M	Plan of Action and Milestones
E2E	End-to-End	QoS	Quality of Service
FR	Functional Requirement	RFC	Request For Comment
Gbps	Gigabits Per Second	SUT	System Under Test
IAW	In Accordance With	UCR	Unified Capabilities Requirements
ID	Identification	VLAN	Virtual Local Area Network
IPv6	Internet Protocol Version 6	VPN	Virtual Private Network

5. In accordance with the Program Manager's request, no detailed test report was developed. JITC distributes IO information via the JITC Electronic Report Distribution (ERD) system, which uses Unclassified-But-Sensitive Internet Protocol Router Network (NIPRNet) e-mail. More comprehensive IO status information is available via the JITC System Tracking Program (STP), which is accessible by .mil/.gov users on the NIPRNet at <https://stp.fhu.disa.mil>. Test reports, lessons learned, and related testing documents and references are on the JITC Joint Interoperability Tool (JIT) at <http://jit.fhu.disa.mil> (NIPRNet). Information related to DISN testing is on the Telecom Switched Services Interoperability (TSSI) website at <http://jitc.fhu.disa.mil/tssi>. All associated data is available on the DISA Unified Capability Coordination Office (UCCO) website located at <http://www.disa.mil/ucco/>. Due to the sensitivity of the information, the Information Assurance Accreditation Package (IAAP) that contains the approved configuration and deployment guide must be requested directly from U.S. Government civilian or uniformed military personnel at the UCCO; e-mail: disa.meade.ns.list.unified-capabilities-certificaion-office@mail.mil.


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ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

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- (d) Joint Interoperability Test Command, "ASLAN Component Test Plan (UCTP)," February 2012.
- (e) U.S. Army Information Systems Engineering Command, Technology Integration Center (USAISEC TIC), "Information Assurance (IA) Assessment of Cisco Catalyst 4500E Series with Supervisor Engine 6-E (Tracking Number 1126911)," 3 August 2012.